

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 29, with the following paragraph:

At step S5, a decision is made whether a master-font file that the character pattern refers to is the master-font file by design type or the symbol master-font file. Specifically, after the master file as the registration origin of the character pattern and the external character as the registration destination have been determined at step S4, a decision is made at step S5 whether the master-font file that the character pattern of the master code determined at step S3 refers to is the master-font file by design type or the symbol master-font file. At step S5, a row to which the master code belongs is checked in the character pattern reference file definition table shown in Fig. ~~5D~~ 5A. For example, when the master code is "10723", this master code exists between the starting master code "101" and the finishing master code "17899", and therefore, the master-font file that the character pattern refers to is the master-font file "by design type". When the master code is "17981", this master code exists between the starting master code "17900" and the finishing master code "18099", and therefore, the master-font file that the character pattern refers to is the "symbol" master-font file. When a result of the decision made at step S5 is the "symbol" master-font file, the process proceeds to step S6. When a result of the decision made at step S5 is the master-font file "by design type", the process proceeds to step S7.